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To Sinking Carriers

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WASHINGTON — Robert Amory Jr., the former deputy director of intelligence for the Central Intelligence Agency said Sunday that the press was not helping the country by continuing the exposure of private organizations financed by the CIA.

"The gentlemen of the Fourth estate might just as well be scuttling carriers in the Tonkin Gulf," Amory said.

Amory, who appeared on nationwide television, indicated that there were still many unnamed private organizations receiving financial aid from the CIA and disclosing them could go on and on "like unraveling a sweater."

He defended the CIA subsidization of the National Student Association and other similar organizations as necessary to counter extensive Communist penetration of youth groups around the world.

On another television program, Michael Wood, former NSA fund raiser and the one who initially exposed the CIA, asserted that the CIA had tried to intimidate an NSA official by threatening to forge psychiatric records to discredit his employ-

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ment opportunities. Wood declined to reveal the source of his information and the other two panelists on the program, Eugene Groves, president of NSA, and Richard Stearns, NSA's international vice president, denied knowledge of any such case.

Both Stearns and Groves admitted they knew of no direct influence by the CIA on NSA officials' decisions. Groves said he was aware that some NSA overseas officials had had "consultations" with CIA representatives. He also said former NSA officers and staffers were very aggressive at the NSA congress in putting across the White House's position.

Goldwater Says CIA Financing Socialism

On another program, former GOP presidential candidate Barry M. Goldwater accused the CIA of financing "socialism in America" by subsidizing education and labor organizations for international conferences. He said he was disturbed because "all this money went to left-wing organizations" while conservative groups were left out.

Meanwhile, Senator George A. Smathers (Dem., Fla.) declared that financing of student organizations could have been done in the open by the United States Information Agency with as much effect as the CIA and without the drawbacks.

Amory appeared with Senators Joseph S. Clark (Dem., Pa.) Henry M. Jackson (Dem., Wash.) Sam Brown, chairman of NSA's National Supervisory Board, and Dennis Shaul, former NSA president.

Jackson said the support of the American student groups as a counter to Communist domination of international youth meetings had to be covert when it began because "if we hadn't worked through some of the more liberal, and even leftist, groups the effectiveness of the American position abroad could have been disastrous."

Open Aid at First Called Impossible

Jackson reasoned that direct open assistance for such liberal groups by the State Department or the USIA would have been impossible to obtain in the early 1950s because of the virulent anti-Communist atmosphere then being created by the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, (Rep., Wis.).

Jackson, a member of the Senate panel that oversees CIA activity said United States student missions financed by the CIA "had a devastating effect on the Communist youth movement."

"The international conference that they held in Vienna just blew up," he said. "And the one in Helsinki was a disaster. And my recollection is that they have not held a conference since."

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